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AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

C O N F I D E N T I A L RANGOON 2005

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR, MILI, PFOR, BM, MY

SUBJECT: BRIGADIER TIN U TO VISIT MALAYSIA

1. PRESS REPORTS AUG 25 THAT DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER AND VICE CHIEF OF STAFF (ARMY) BRIGADIER TIN U WILL PAY GOODWILL VISIT TO MALAYSIA AUG 29 TO SEPT 5 AT INVITATION OF MALAYSIAN DEFENSE MINISTER. TIN U WILL LEAD NINE-MAN DELEGATION OF SENIOR ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE OFFICERS.

2. ALTHOUGH NOT STATED IN PRESS, VISIT WILL IN EFFECT RECIPROCATATE THAT PAID BY MALAYSIAN CHIEF OF ARMED FORCES STAFF GENERAL IBRAHAM BIN ISMAIL TO BURMA LAST JANUARY (RANGOON A-29). IN RECENT SPEECH AT GATHERING OF FOREIGN DEFENSE ATTACHES BASED IN RANGOON, SENIOR GUB INTELLIGENCE OFFICIAL STATED TIN U'S MALAYSIAN VISIT PROVIDED FURTHER SPIDENCE THAT GUB DESIRED FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

3. FOR KUALA LUMPUR: SINCE BRIG TIN U'S STAR APPEARS TO BE RISING IN BURMESE POWER HIERARCHY (SOME OBSERVERS IN FACT ALREADY RATE HIM AS NUMBER THREE IN REALITY, SUBORDINATE ONLY TO CHAIRMAN NE WIN AND DEFENSE MINISTER GENERAL SAN YU), WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION OR IMPRESSIONS YOU CAN OBTAIN ON VISIT. WE UNDERSTAND IT WILL BE FIRST TRIP ABROAD SINCE 1964.

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